(b) and (c) The requisite information is-being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Uniform Civil Code

2232. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to enforce Uniform Civil Code;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the above.

(c) Bringing in a Uniform Civil Code involves changes in the Personal Laws including those of the minority communities. It has been the consistent policy of the Central Government not to interfere in the Personal Laws of the minority communities unless the necessary initiatives for such changes come from a sizeable cross-section of such communities themselves.

Transfer and appointment of Judges in higher judiciary

†2233. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to change the present systems of transfer and appointment of High Court and Supreme Court Judges in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the shortcomings which need to be overcome; and

(c) whether Government has chosen certain criteria to formulate the new system; if so, the details thereof and by when the new system would be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Appointment of adhoc Supreme Court Judges

2234. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of adhoc and acting Supreme Court Judges appointed in terms of Articles 127 and 128 of the Constitution so far, since 1st January, 2000; and

(b) whether it is a fact that no such appointments have been made during the said period and if so, the last time such an appointment was made with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No ad-hoc appointment of Judges have been made in the Supreme Court under Articles 127 and 128 of the Constitution from 1st January, 2000 till date.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.